

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 18 May 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32 and 34-40.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                                  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                              | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date 20040514 | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                        | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|                                                                                                                                   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.                                               |

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sara Current on 11 August 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, at line 14, --in said woven bag-- has been inserted after "joints".

In claims 6 and 7, at line 1, "parallel" has been deleted.

In claim 10, at line 15, --in said woven bag-- has been inserted after "joints".

In claim 15, at line 2, "internal" has been changed to --interior--.

In claim 15, at line 4, --and wherein the-- has been inserted before "airbag".

In claim 23, at line 12, "at least one" has been changed to --all--.

In claim 23, at line 13, --in said woven bag-- has been inserted after "joints".

In claims 32, 34, 37 and 40, at line 13, --in said woven bag-- has been inserted before "consisting".

In claim 32, at line 17, "have" has been changed to --having--.

In claim 40, at line 14, the comma has been deleted.

Claim 41 has been canceled.

### Remarks

3. In the interview conducted on 28 July 2004, it was agreed that claims 1, 10, 23, 32, 34, 37 and 40 would be allowable if amended to recite that *all* of the woven in joints *in the woven bag* consist essentially of one or more straight line segments. These claims have been amended above to include this limitation. Further, the language of claims 6, 7, 15, 32 and 40 has been clarified. Claim 41 has been canceled without prejudice, and may be pursued in a continuation.

### Drawings


4. The proposed drawing corrections filed on 21 February 2002 and 18 May 2004 have been approved. In order to avoid abandonment, corrected drawings are now required.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter C. English whose telephone number is 703-308-1377. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul N. Dickson can be reached on 703-308-2089. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter C. English", with a date "8/11/04" written to the right of the signature.

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